

PARISH DIARY**TODAY 17th November 2019**

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T22
	President: David Tomlinson	
	10.00am	FAMILY SERVICE + BAPTISM
	Leader: Rachel Prior	
	Talk: David Tomlinson	
	11.45am	HOLY COMMUNION
	President: David Tomlinson	
	4.00pm	HOLY COMMUNION with prayers for wholeness & healing
Little Waldent	President: Angela Want	
	11.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Hadstock	President: Michael Lovegrove	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	President: Paula Griffiths	
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	President: Richard Spencer	
	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	President: John Saxon	
	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION
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NEXT SUNDAY 24th November 2019

Saffron Walden	8.00am	HOLY COMMUNION 1662 T25
	10.00am	HOLY COMMUNION + TEAM JC
Hadstock	4.00pm	EVENSONG
	9.30am	HOLY COMMUNION
Ashdon	8:00am	HOLY COMMUNION
Debden	9.15am	HOLY COMMUNION
Wimbish	11.00am	HOLY COMMUNION

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portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

Post Communion

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope: bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Grapevine

All Saints' Church, Ashdonwww.allsaintsashdon.org.uk**Second Sunday before Advent****17th November 2019****Collect**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-12

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

Gospel: Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Churches Together Prayer Cycle: In November please pray for All Saints, Ashdon, Wimbish & Debden Schools

Those who are unwell: Ella Martin, Ken Ryles

The family and friends of those who have died recently: Marian Sell

Those who are being baptised today at St Mary's SW: Fleur Emily Romans

TEAM

QUET MORNING, Saturday 23rd November in St Mary's Parish Rooms from 9.30am - 12 noon, taken by David. With the imminence of Advent in mind the title of the morning is "Waiting for Christ". Please could you sign the sheet at the back of church so we know how many to arrange the rooms for and how much refreshment to bring! Thank you. For further information contact Sue Walker 01799 523007 or email suewalker619@btinternet.com

STORT VALLEY PRAY FOR SCHOOLS EVENT Sunday 24th November, Parish Rooms, St Mary's Church, SW. Refreshments available at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Please join us as we learn about and pray for the vital work going on in our local schools. *Nicola Williamson*

HADSTOCK CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Friday 29th November, 6pm-9pm in Hadstock Village Hall. On behalf of the Friends of St Botolph's, raising money for the Church Building Fund. Arts, Ceramics, Crafts, Jewellery, Candles, Gifts, Festive Foods, Raffle. £2 entry includes a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. Join us for this enjoyable evening. *Paula*

CHRISTMAS FAIR This year's Fair will take place on **Saturday 30th November** from 10.00am to 2.00pm on the theme of "Follow that Star". Volunteers needed to help before, after and during the Fair. Please sign up on St Mary's, SW, noticeboard, by the vestry, if you are able to help in any way. Several stalls require donations, bric-a-brac, jewellery, accessories, tombola, jigsaws etc. Your help is invaluable. **NB:** All donations to the relevant stallholder (see the noticeboard) or please deliver to St Mary's church on Fri 29th between 2pm and 6pm, due to lack of access on the morning of the Fair. Many thanks. *Pamela Mugliston*

All Saints Church Wimbish, **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, Saturday 30th November** 12.00-3.00pm in Wimbish Village Hall. Light lunches, refreshments, stalls including raffle, cakes, tombola and produce. Everyone is very warmly welcome. *Fran Johnson*

PRAYER EVENING Thursday 5th December, 7.30-8.00pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. The prayer team are organising prayer times during the interregnum, with an emphasis on praying for the appointment of a new Rector. As the Bishop will be meeting the Church Wardens and PCC on 4th December we thought it would be a good idea to begin after that date. We hope this will be the first of many, so do come and join us in prayer. All welcome. *Sue Walker*

DAVID'S FAREWELL There is a card at the back of St Mary's church, SW, on a Sunday and in the Parish Office during the week. Any donations to Parish Office or the wardens. Cheques made payable to 'St Mary's Saffron Walden PCC'. *Denis and Gill*

DAVID'S FAREWELL BARN DANCE on **23rd November** at Great Chesterford Community Centre starts at 7.00pm. There will be complimentary wine and soft drinks provided with the food. **Please bring** your own choice of drinks for the remainder of the evening. **All Welcome**, but please **sign-up** at the back of St Mary's church, SW, by **TODAY**. *Gill Caswell*

NOTICES

103 Crown him with many crowns
427 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation
409 Open our eyes, Lord
483 The King is among us
425 Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore him

Our **Advent Study Course**, in conjunction with Ashdon Baptist Course, will take place at Gavin Walter's house, The Manse, Radwinter Road, on the following dates (at 7:30pm):

- Wednesday 27th November
- Tuesday 3rd December (*see below for event on Wednesday 4th*)
- Wednesday 11th December
- Wednesday 18th December

Next Sunday there will be no service at All Saint's. Do join with us at 10am in St Mary's, Saffron Walden for David's farewell service in the Team. The meeting with David for the PCC on 4th November had been postponed so the Archdeacon can attend. This will now happen on this Wednesday (20th) at 7:30pm. **The PCC meeting planned for 19th November will now take place at 8:30pm on 20th November.** On 4th December at 7:30pm, Bishop Roger and Archdeacon Robin will lead a meeting in St Mary's, Saffron Walden as the first step in finding a **new Team Rector**.

Angel Tree - Prison Fellowship (Cambridge) will be wrapping and sending out about 80 presents to the children of prisoners at HMP Littlehey and Highpoint on behalf of their fathers. If you'd like to make a donation towards the gifts please pass a cheque payable to All Saints Church Ashdon to Rob by 23 December. Thank you - *Sarah*.

Christmas Services 2019

- Sunday 22nd December, 6:30pm: Carol Service
- Tuesday 24th December, 4pm: Christingle
- Tuesday 24th December, 11:30pm: Midnight Communion
- Wednesday 25th December, 9:30am: Christmas Communion

CLERGY TEAM

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